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Morgan Little Chairman, Texas Coalition of Veterans Organizations 8503 North IH 35 Austin, Texas 78753

Dear Mr. Little:

I am writing to express my sincere appreciation for the efforts put forth by you and your organization in assisting us get the word out about Proposition One in the lead-up to the constitutional amendment election on November 8. With over 83% of Texans having voted in favor of its passage, it is clear that Texans remain dedicated to recognizing the commitment and courage of our servicemen and women.

Extending the 100% property tax exemption to the surviving spouse of a 100% disabled veteran was the Texas Coalition of Veterans Organization's number one legislative priority going into the 82nd Regular Session of the Texas Legislature. As Chair of the Veteran Affairs and Military Installations Committee, I was honored to carry the joint resolution that placed this amendment to the Texas Constitution before the voters of this great state. There is no way we could have done it without the assistance of the TCVO, and I consider it my privilege to work alongside the men and women at the TCVO who are as dedicated to assisting veterans, active duty servicemembers, and their families as I am.

I look forward to continuing to work with the TCVO on behalf of Texas' veteran community. This is incredibly important work, and like you, I will never waver in my commitment to serve in the Legislature for those who have so bravely served for all of us.

Sincerely,

Senator Leticia Van de Putte, R.Ph.